**Steps to Breaking Down Prompts**

1. Read the prompt

2. Re-write it in your own words (quickly—this doesn’t need to be beautiful! It just needs to make sense to you)

3. Plan your “buckets”

4. “Roadmap” your thesis

**I. Read the prompt:**

Were the Puritans’ strong commitment to their beliefs and loyalties something to be admired or something to be criticized? You must use evidence and direct quotations from *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and at least 2 nonfiction sources we read before break.

**II. Re-write in your own words:**

**III. Plan for your buckets of evidence (if you want more, use the back):**

**IV. Thesis Statement:**